

Patriots Day Remembered

The terrorist attacks on America September 11, 2001 have forever changed our everyday routine. Things or people we took for granted have become close to our heart – we fly the American flag or attend a special memorial service. A special ceremony was held this September 11th that paid special tribute to our employees who are members of the Reserves or National Guard as well as a Veterans Forum that featured three veterans who shared their military experiences in the Italian Campaign of 1943.

All VANTHCS merit promotion job announcements can be viewed on our Intranet. Click on the icon "Internet Explorer", then click on either "Human Resources" or "Hot Links" to view all VANTHCS local job announcements.

VANTHCS Has New Dental Clinic



Dallas VA Medical Center hosted an Open House recently for its new Dental Clinic. Last renovated in the 1970s, the new clinic features state-of-the-art equipment, including WaterClave water purification system, digital radiography and Conex sterilization system as well as 12 dental operatories, 3 oral surgery operatories, dental laboratory and spacious waiting area. Dental providers hope these enhancements will accommodate more patients in a much more esthetically pleasing environment.

VA Hits Another Home Run

The North Texas Chapter of Chosin Few recently surveyed their membership of 122 veterans regarding cold weather injury. Survey results indicate:

- 14 awarded 40-80% compensation and were satisfied with the award
- 9 awarded 70% compensation and have filed for unemployability
- 50 awarded 100% compensation – represents 45% of the membership eligible for war-related injuries such as cold or PTSD or other service-connected injuries
- 17 pending retiree claims, filed for Combat-Related Special Compensation
- 11 pending claims for those who have refiled for additional compensation – originally awarded 20-40%. One was denied and has now filed an appeal through a veterans county service officer.
- 10 pending claims for those who have recently filed or are awaiting cold weather injury exam
- 11 have no cold weather injury or did not wish to file

The Chosin Few expressed appreciation to several county service officers for their support as well as Dr. Mark Nelson and Alan Harper for their efforts to establish and promote a working environment in Compensation and Pension to more effectively serve veterans.

